

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 12 March 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	x		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.		x	
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	x		
Gary J. Gaube	x		
Maria R. Gil		x	
Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	x		
Robert Hamel, RN	x		x
Denise Panichas		x	
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	x		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	x		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Robert Marshall, PhD, Gregory Madoian, Esq., Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **American Senior Living Communities RI I, LLC** for a change in effective control of Mt. Saint Francis Associates, LP which operates Mt. Saint Francis Health Center, a 194-bed nursing facility located in Woonsocket.

Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to the applicant, summarized the application and updated the Committee on the Dallastown, PA nursing facility owned by Mr. Boyer, and stated it had no deficiencies on the most recent (November 2008) survey. The applicant reviewed the photobook of the Mt. St. Francis facility, described the \$150,000 in mechanical improvements pursuant to “culture change” and results of the satisfaction survey.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Greene Acres Health Center, LLC** for change in effective control of Floral Ledge, LLC d/b/a/ Woodpecker Hill Nursing Home which operates a 41 bed nursing facility located in Greene.

Mr. David Ryan, owner of the applicant, also owns nine other nursing homes in Rhode Island. The applicant reviewed photographs of the facility and indicated that the Medical Director and attending physicians routinely see patients every 30 days during the first 3 months, and then every 60 days thereafter. Currently 37 of 41 beds are occupied, with about 70% funded by Medicaid.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and one recusal (6-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Dowling, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire. Those members recusing were: Almeida.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Cedar Home Health, LLC** for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 125 Scituate Avenue in Cranston.

Ms. Susan Whipple, CEO of the applicant, reviewed the application and answered questions from the Committee. Mr. Gaube noted that based on his experience with Cedar Crest Nursing Home, owned by Ms. Whipple, it is a high quality facility. Sen. Graziano questioned the description of requirements for the Nursing Director position and lack of identification of continuing education on the resume of the proposed Director of Nursing. The applicant agreed to provide corrected description information and continuing education information.

Ms. Almeida noted for the record that she is recusing herself with regards to the application of Cedar Home Health, LLC.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, PhD